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DA Finds Fatal Officer-Involved Shooting in Yucaipa Justified

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. – The San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office has completed its review of the fatal officer-involved shooting of Merlin Factor, 26, of Redlands, by San Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputies Ismael Diaz and Joseph Perea on June 29, 2013.

Under the facts, circumstances and the applicable law, Deputy Perea was legally justified, under the laws of self-defense and defense of others, in using lethal force to defend himself and Deputy Diaz.

The report of the written case evaluation is available at www.sbcountyda.org by selecting Press Releases under the Newsroom tab at the top of the home page.

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